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PETITION FOR DECLARATORY RULING FILED BY OUTSIDE CONNECTION, INC.
PLEADING CYCLE ESTABLISHED
WCB/Pricing 03-14

COMMENTS: April 16, 2003
REPLY COMMENTS: April 28, 2003

On March 19, 2003, Outside Connection, Inc. (Outside Connection) filed a petition seeking a declaratory ruling that it is unlawful for MCI WorldCom (MCI) and the New York Department of Correctional Services to block the long distance service provided by Outside Connection. Interested parties may file comments no later than **April 16, 2003**. Reply comments may be filed no later than **April 28, 2003**.

This matter shall be treated as a "permit-but-disclose" proceeding in accordance with the Commission's *ex parte* rules. See 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200, 1.1206. Persons making oral *ex parte* presentations are reminded that memoranda summarizing the presentations must contain summaries of the substance of the presentations and not merely a listing of the subjects discussed. More than a one- or two-sentence description of the views and arguments presented generally is required. See 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b). Other rules pertaining to oral and written *ex parte* presentations in permit-but-disclose proceedings are set forth in section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b).

Filing Procedures. Filings can be sent by hand or messenger delivery, by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail (although we continue to experience delays in receiving U.S. Postal Service mail). The Commission's contractor, Vistrionix, Inc., will receive hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission's Secretary at 236 Massachusetts Avenue, N.E., Suite 110, Washington, D.C. 20002. The filing hours at this location are 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. All hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners. Any envelopes must be disposed of before entering the building. Commercial overnight mail (other than U.S. Postal Service Express Mail and Priority Mail) must be sent to 9300 East Hampton Drive, Capitol Heights, MD 20743. U.S. Postal Service first-class mail, Express Mail, and Priority Mail should be addressed to 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20554. All filings must be addressed to the Commission's Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission. Parties should also file one copy of any documents filed in this proceeding with the Commission's copy contractor, Qualex International, Portals II, 445 12th Street, S.W., CY-B402, Washington, D.C. 20554

(telephone 202-863-2893; facsimile 202-863-2898) or via e-mail at qualexint@aol.com. In addition, one copy of each submission must be filed with the Chief, Pricing Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20554.

In addition, interested parties are to file any written *ex parte* presentations in this proceeding with the Commission's Secretary, Marlene H. Dortch, 445 12th Street, S.W., TW-B204, Washington, D.C. 20554, and serve with three copies the Chief, Pricing Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20554. Parties shall also serve with one copy: Qualex International, Portals II, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room CY-B402, Washington, D.C. 20554 (telephone 202-863-2893; facsimile 202-863-2898) or via e-mail at qualexint@aol.com.

The petition and other documents filed in this proceeding will be available for public inspection and copying during regular business hours in the Commission's Reference Information Center, 445 12th Street, S.W., CY-A257, Washington, D.C. 20554. They may also be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, Qualex International.

For further information, contact Joi Nolen, Pricing Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, (202) 418-1520.

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